Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A liquid crystal display device comprising a liquid crystal layer between a first substrate and a second substrate,

the first substrate including a pixel area having pixel electrodes, and a peripheral area surrounding the pixel area,

the pixel area including gate lines and drain lines, the gate lines including first gate lines and second gate lines,

first gate connecting lines and second gate connecting lines being disposed in the peripheral area, the respective first gate connecting lines electrically connecting the first gate lines to a liquid crystal driving circuit, the respective second gate lines electrically connecting the second gate lines to the liquid crystal driving circuit,

the first gate connecting lines and the second gate connecting lines being stacked in a thickness direction of the first substrate.

- 2. (original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the first gate lines are more distant from the liquid crystal driving circuit than are the second gate lines, and the first gate connecting lines are positioned at a higher level than are the second gate connecting lines.
- 3. (original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the pixel area is divided into two areas.

4. (original) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a first substrate and a second substrate disposed in opposition to each other; and

a liquid crystal layer interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate,

the first substrate including gate lines extending in a lateral direction, drain lines extending in a longitudinal direction, pixel electrodes, and charge-holding capacitance lines extending in parallel with the gate lines,

capacitors being formed between the pixel electrodes and common electrodes disposed in opposition to the pixel electrodes,

the common electrodes being electrically connected to the charge-holding lines via a common line,

the gate lines being disposed under the common line in an insulated state.

- 5. (original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 4, wherein the common line extends in parallel with the drain lines.
- 6. (original) A liquid crystal display device comprising a liquid crystal layer between a first substrate and a second substrate,

the first substrate including gate lines and drain lines in a pixel area, a gate driver and a drain driver being provided in a peripheral area surrounding the pixel area, the gate lines being electrically connected to the gate driver by gate connecting lines, the drain lines being electrically connected to the drain driver by drain connecting lines,

the drain connecting lines passing through a portion under the gate driver and electrically connecting the drain lines to the drain driver.

- 7. (original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 6, wherein the drain driver has a rectangular shape with short sides and long sides, the drain connecting lines being electrically connected to a short side of the drain driver.
- 8. (new) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein one of the first gate connecting lines and one of the second gate connecting lines overlap one another when viewed in plan view.
- 9. (new) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein one of the first gate connecting lines is disposed between two adjacent ones of the second gate connection lines when viewed in plan view.